# First United Methodist Church

# October, 2026

## Pastor's Pen

We have entered that blessed season of cool crisp temperatures, clear skies, apples ripe on the trees, and God's glorious paintbrush of colors across the landscape. Every season has beauty and wonder but autumn is my favorite.

On Saturday October 3rd 10AM, we will be having the Blessing of the Animals and their relationship with us. I look forward to this service every year excited to see old and new friends as we thank God for the gift of our stewardship of the creatures of the earth.

On Sunday the 4th we are celebrating World Communion Sunday, a day when we are mindful of all the faithful followers of Jesus Christ sharing in him together. The power of all of us sharing, praying, and celebrating the glory of God's Son together can transform the world. Remember Jesus taught us that when two or more of us are gathered in his name he is present with us. Let us truly live into our faith.

A quick reminder, Bridget's birthday is on Reformation Day, October 31st.

May we all live into the joy and blessings that God pours into our lives everyday!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,
Pastor Scott Tyler

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# Now That's A Bright Idea

Your Trustees had our quarterly meeting on September 14th. There was a presentation by Riverside Wealth Partners. Adam Hutchinson, Managing director, and Rob Gibbs, Vice President, gave a history of our portfolio from the Delano Estate, and where they see our goals in the future. If you have questions about the portfolio or history of the endowment, contact me and I will be glad to give you the information that we have, and what we learned from their presentation.

We are in the midst of several projects at at this time, and several have been finished.

The ceiling in the Thrift Shop break room has been repaired, the one door on the lower level that needed replacing was replaced and all doors were repainted.

Four projects are still outstanding. First, the installation of several outlets in the Thrift Shop will be starting soon. This will allow additional equipment. Second will be the installation of the parking lot lights (Finally!). This will be done by the same contractor and will be done when the new outlets for the Thrift Shop are completed. Third will be the updating of both Mens's restrooms to Universal Usage, per New York State health code. We are waiting on the delivery of the new wider doors. As soon as they arrive, the project will start. Fourth is the sealing and relining of the parking lot, as large cracks have developed in the eight years since it was done last.

Finally, a discussion of what to do with the locations where the birch trees were removed this past summer. It was decided at the Ad Council that the congregation should have input.

As always, if you see something that needs attention contact myself, Donnie, or Pastor Scott, and we" "Ge'er done" or at least put it on the list.

Bill Westervelt, Chair

## From the Sexton's Broom

It's October! We are in my favorite season, FALL! I love the cooler nights, the crisp mornings, the changing colors. It is just a glorious season here in the North Country!

As I said last month, my SUMMER to-do list has turned into my FALL to-do list. As we go to press, I will have started on the screens, next will be a good cleaning of the kitchen floor, and we will take things from there.

CVC has started rehearsals for their Christmas concert in December, the Christmas Fair looms next month, along with the Election Day Dinner! The fall is a busy time!

If you see anything that requires my attention, please let me know!

Donnie.
Sexton extraordinaire.

# Family Corner

| | |
|---|---|
| Jane Bassett | October 2 |
| Amy Quesnel | October 2 |
| Grace Ambrus | October 3 |
| Ronnie Romano | October 3 |
| Ella Vilardo | October 5 |
| Amy Catanzarita | October 6 |
| Ann Dolback | October 6 |
| Jeanne Thatcher | October 9 |
| Sally Snelson | October 11 |
| Edwin Flack | October 18 |
| Darcy Morse | October 19 |
| Michael Moser | October 19 |
| Josie Bougor | October 30 |
| Bridget | Halloween |

## Book Club

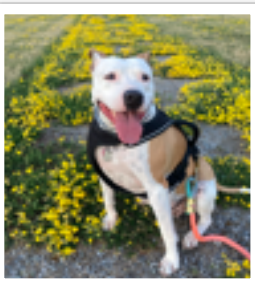
October 5 at 5:00 At Leona's house

## Sunday Volunteers

| October | Flowers | Readers |
|---|---|---|
| 4 | | Sue Fahey |
| 11 | | Bill Westervelt |
| 18 | Westervelts | Donnie Norton |
| 25 | | Jeanne Thatcher |

Pam & Walter Thorne Oct. 12

October 3



Blessing of the Animals
10:00 on the front circle

October 3
Steps for Hope Walk
Fundraiser

October 4
World Communion Sunday
Free Community Dinner

October 25
Reformation Sunday

# Thrift Shop News

Fall has arrived, especially at the Thrift Shop. The shop looks like Fall, and our volunteers have been busy putting out decorations, fall items and warmer clothing for sale.

The Thrift Shop continues to support the Church's general fund, the local Clergy Association, the Ticonderoga school backpack program, and the Homeless Fund with monthly donations. The newest mission is to support women in crisis with clothing and baby needs. When you support the Thrift Shop, you are also supporting these worthy causes.

Come in and check us out! Our volunteers work hard to have new items on the shelves and racks every week. We always have a great selection of books as well. Enjoy the beauty of this season.

**Thrift Shop Committee Members:**
Margot Anello, Committee Chairperson
Jeanne Thatcher, Treasurer
Jeanne B. Thatcher, Trustees Representative
Margot Anello, Wanita Blanchard, Lynn Brigan, Marsha LaPointe, Betty Messier, Leona Simpson, Sandra Sprague, Pam Thorne, Sandra Trepanier, Jeannine Wright
and Rev. Scott Tyler

This is a painting Pastor Scott did in 2020 of Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks from Shelburne VT in the early fall.

## Thrift Shop Volunteers

| Saturday (9-2pm) | |
|---|---|
| 3 | June, Sandy S.<br>Joan C/ Pam |
| 10 | Margot, Jeannine, Deb B. |
| 17 | Wanita, Jeanne<br>Joan/Judy |
| 24 | Pam, Jeannine,<br>Margot / Marci |
| 31 | Halloween!<br>Sandy S., Roxanne, Deb B. |

# The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

Thank you all for your continued support of the Ticonderoga Food Pantry.

**Hours of operation:**
**Monday, Wednesday, Friday:**
**11am-Noon.**

## *Gardening at the First United Methodist Church*

Special thanks to Sandy Sprague, Jim & Joan Pulling, and anyone who took a minute to pull weeds, pick flowers, or water. More help is welcome as the garden continues to be beautiful!

# Free Community Dinner

October 4

4:30-6:00

Chicken & Biscuits

Sides & Desserts

Dine in / Take out

If you have a food allergy, please notify us.

This is the last Free dinner until December.

# Champlain Valley Chorale

Concert dates:
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Schroon Lake
on Friday, December 11th, 7:30 P.M.
FUMC on Sunday, December 13, at 3:00 P.M.
A reception will follow.
New members in all sections welcome; for more information contact Chorale president Gil Engler at 518-585-6161.

## New Member Classes:

Please contact Pastor Scott Tyler at 585-7995 if you are interested in joining the church as a new member.

The Original

# Election Day Dinner

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026

First United Methodist Church
1045 Wicker Street, Ticonderoga, NY

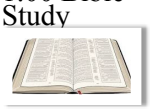
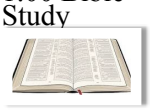
Turkey / Dressing Potatoes / Gravy
Vegetables Rolls / Butter Cranberry Sauce
Dessert / Beverage

**Take Out Dinners Dining Room Opens**

**4:30 PM 5:00 PM**

**Adults $15.00 Children $10.00**

# October

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 1<br>10:00 Worship Meeting | 2 | 3<br>9-2 Thrift Shop |
| 4<br>9:00 Worship, Communion<br>4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner | 5<br>5:00 Book Club | 6<br>7-9 CVC | 7<br>1:00 Bible Study  | 8<br>Sexton Appreciation Day | 9 | 10<br>9-2 Thrift Shop |
| 11<br>9:00 Worship, Communion | 12<br>6:30 Trustees | 13<br>7-9 CVC | 14<br>1:00 Bible Study  | 15 | 16 | 17<br>9-2 Thrift Shop |
| 18<br>9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship Coffee | 19<br>6:30 Ad Council | 20<br>7-9 CVC | 21<br>1:00 Bible Study | 22 | 23 | 24<br>9-2 Thrift Shop |
| 25<br>9:00 Worship, Communion | 26 | 27<br>7-9 CVC | 28<br>9:30 Missions | 29 | 30 | 31 Halloween<br>9-2 Thrift Shop |

Looking ahead!

Christmas Fair November 21

## Thanksgiving is coming!

I'll put paper in the bulletins before November, but if you have a thankful comment to share, email or leave a note on my desk, so I can add it in the November Newsletter. -Bridget